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HOUSE RESOLUTION 258

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Onix the Drug Dog of the
Carroll County Police Department.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened and deeply moved to learn of the untimely death of Onix, the Drug Dog of Carroll County; and

WHEREAS, Onix was highly regarded as one of the best drug and tracking dogs who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for Carroll County citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Germany, Onix was a highly respected member of Carroll County's law enforcement drug force team for ten years; and

WHEREAS, Onix served with acumen as the Carroll County Police Department's German Shepherd K-9 drug dog, earning the respect of policemen; he and his handler, Randall Dunn, developed a solid reputation throughout West Tennessee for the superior quality of their work; and

WHEREAS, Onix was an excellent K-9 officer who detected marijuana, cocaine, and other drugs, and was considered one of the best tracking dogs around; and

WHEREAS, Onix spent the majority of his life in the Huntingdon home of Sergeant Randall Dunn and his wife, Lorraine, with the exception of the three years he spent under the care of Carroll County Deputy Jason Fields, and his wife, Lisa; and

WHEREAS, when Huntingdon Public Safety Director Joe Parker was the Carroll County Sheriff, he decided that the county needed a dog to detect drugs, and that the dog would pay for himself, in addition to making money for the county; and

WHEREAS, Onix was purchased for \$6500, including the handler's training, and during one job, Onix made enough money to pay for himself; and

WHEREAS, after Sergeant Dunn was chosen to be the dog's handler, he and Onix went to train at the world renowned Rudy Drexler's Training School in Elkhart, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, during Onix's illustrious career, he assisted officers in closing cases more quickly and by confiscating vehicles and other possessions that could be sold at police auctions; and

WHEREAS, Onix was most feared by criminals; he also tracked lost children and prevented other police officers from being seriously injured; and

WHEREAS, upon his death Sergeant Dunn and his wife were presented a plaque in Onix's memory, which hangs in the city hall today; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Onix the Drug Dog, reflecting fondly upon his superb skills and loyal service to the Carroll County Police Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and offer our sincere condolences to those who knew and treasured Onix.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.